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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: PRESSURE GENERATING MECHANISM, MANUFACTURING METHOD
THEREOF, AND LIQUID DROPLET EJECTION DEVICE INCLUDING PRESSURE
GENERATING MECHANISM

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the February 23, 2005 Restriction Requirement, Applicant provisionally elects Group I, claims 1-16 drawn to a pressure generating mechanism, Species I, Figures 2, 3, 4, and 6 which includes claims 1-4, 6-8, 10,12,13, and 16, with traverse. As claims 1 and 16 are generic to all species, all non-elected claims should be rejoined upon allowance of at least one of the generic claims.

It is also respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims 1-26 is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it is stated that "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." (emphasis

added). It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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